



**U.S. House of Representatives
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Grants Alert – March 2007

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding for art projects that may consist of one or more specific events or activities; it may also be a part of an applicant's regular season or activities. Organizations that undertake a single short-term project in a year -- a ten-day jazz festival, for example -- could apply for that event, or they could identify certain components (such as the presentation of a key artist and the associated activities) as their project. Describe the activities for which Arts Endowment support is requested, and provide specific information on the artists, productions, venues, distribution plans, etc., that will be involved. Organizations may apply for any or all phases of a project, from its planning through its implementation. A project does not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be large. The Arts Endowment welcomes small projects that can make a difference in a community or field. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Aug 13, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding under the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program. This program offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Jun 11, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding under the Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants. These grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be

eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements."
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NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR): DHCR has announced the availability of funding for site-specific projects funded under the HOME and/or the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Programs, and the Homes for Working Families (HWF) Program; and locally administered programs funded under the New York State HOME Program (HOME), the Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program, the New York Main Street Program, and the Access to Home Program. Applications for site-specific projects are available at DHCR Regional Offices (listed below) and at www.dhcr.state.ny.us. Applications for locally administered programs must be submitted electronically and are expected to be available on the DHCR web site in December 2006. Eligibility: Persons and firms that construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low income persons or households. Deadline: Applications for HOME and HTF Site-Specific Funding (except seed money requests) must be received by February 26, 2007. Applications for locally administered programs must be received by: March 19, 2007 for RESTORE and Access to Home; March 22, 2007 for HOME; and March 26, 2007 for New York Main Street. For more information please contact a DHCR Regional Office: New York City Regional Office, 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10004; phone (212) 480-7644.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS): OCFS is making available a series of grant opportunities to expand the availability of and/or improve the quality of care in regulated child care settings. The specific funding categories include: Child Day Care Center and School Age Start Up and Expansion Programs; Expansion of Hours of Existing Child Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs; Health and Safety Grants; Innovative Programs Initiative and Accreditation Grants. Eligibility: All categories except for the Innovative Programs Initiative are open to not-for-profit and for-profit child day care centers, school age child care programs other not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. The Innovative Programs Initiative category is limited to government and not-for-profit organizations. Deadline: Applications for all program types, except Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under, will be accepted on March 16, 2007 and July 14, 2007. Applications may be submitted for Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under by the 10th of each month ending with submissions on June 10, 2007. For more information contact: Suzanne Sennett, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 52 Washington Street, N. Building, Room 338, Rensselaer, New York 12144; phone (518) 474-9454.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets: Applications are being accepted by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for financial assistance to support the costs of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, improvement or repair of fairground buildings or facilities used to house and promote agriculture. Eligibility: Agricultural or horticultural corporations and county extension service associations that are eligible to receive premium reimbursements pursuant to section 286 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. Deadline: Applications will be accepted until March 30, 2007. For more information visit the Funding Opportunities section of the Department's web site at www.agmkt.state.ny.us. All questions must be submitted in writing (fax and e-mail will be accepted) by March 15, 2007 to

Karen Dybas at NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany New York 12235 or karen.dybas@agmkt.state.ny.us.

New York State Department of Health: The AIDS Institute has announced that funding is available for HIV prevention interventions and HIV-related supportive services in communities of color. Program services and interventions may include outreach, prevention interventions and activities, supporting services, and peer-delivered services. Eligibility: Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) health and human services organizations; this may include community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, community health centers, or drug treatment centers. Deadline: Applications will be accepted until March 7, 2007. For more information: Visit www.nyhealth.gov/funding. A copy of the Request for Application can be obtained from Dina Williams, Bureau of Community Based Services, Division of HIV Prevention, AIDS Institute, Room 342, Corning Tower Building, Albany, New York 12237; phone (518) 486-1412; dmw01@health.state.ny.us.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS): Healthy Families New York (HFNY) offers home based services to expectant and new parents, beginning before or shortly after the birth of the child. Families who participate in the program are offered long-term in-home services until the child is in school or Head Start. HFNY follows the standards of Healthy Families America, a national initiative of Prevent Child Abuse America. Grant funds may be utilized for, but not limited to home visiting staffing and fringe benefits; project equipment and furniture; computers and appropriate software for the project; supplies, mailing and printing costs of project-related flyers, pamphlets and educational materials; staff travel costs at the approved State travel rate; telephone installation and monthly billing; consultants retained by a formal agreement; rental of space; and a maximum of 10% federally approved Indirect Cost Rate with appropriate documentation. A 10% local share is required. Eligibility: Social services and health not-for-profit corporations, local government agencies, other 501(c)(3) organizations including community and faith based organizations, BOCES programs, or religious organizations. Deadline: Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2007. For more information: For an application, contact Tina Williams, OCFS, 52 Washington Street, Room 331 N, Rensselaer, New York 12144-6824; phone (518) 402-6784; e-mail Tina.Williams@ocfs.state.ny.us.

New York State Department of Health: The Tobacco Free Schools Support Programs will assist in the development, implementation, and enforcement of effective tobacco-free school policies. Partners funded for this service will focus on middle and high schools, unless entire school districts can be engaged. Eligibility: Non-profit agencies or governmental subdivisions serving the initiative's catchment areas. Eligible applicants must have no affiliations or contractual relationships with any tobacco company, its affiliates, its subsidiaries or its parent organizations. Deadline: February 21, 2007. For more information: For an application, contact Patricia Bubniak at NYS Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program, Corning Tower, Room 710, Albany, New York 12237; phone (518) 474-1515; e-mail pab05@health.state.ny.us.

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Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts:

Announces the 2007 Preserve New York Grant Program. The program provides funding to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, and supports three types of projects only: historic structure reports, historic landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. Through the program, the Preservation League, a statewide, not-for-profit organization, and the Council, the state's arts funding agency, seek to support efforts to plan for the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings and landscapes throughout the state. In 2007, the Preservation League especially encourages projects that advance the preservation of neighborhoods that qualify for the New York State residential rehabilitation tax credit; preserve historic buildings and transportation corridors including rural roads and canals; continue the use of historic municipal buildings; and support Main Street revitalization. Deadline: Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2007. Please follow the directions included in the application for assembling the packets. For more information: If your organization and project meet these guidelines, contact the League to discuss your potential application and to receive an application form. Forms are not available online. You may contact Tania G. Werbizky, Director, Technical and Grant Programs, at (607) 272-6510 or you may contact the League at (518) 462-5658, ext. 12.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation: The Foundation's Adult Literacy Grants Program awards grants to direct service providers in the following focus areas only: adult literacy; adult basic education; GED preparation; and English for speakers of other languages. The Family Literacy Grants Program awards grants to organizations that have the following four components: adult education instruction; children's education; parent and child together time; and parenting classes that teach parents to be the primary teacher for their child. Eligibility: Organizations with 501(c)(3) status established for public use that provide direct literacy-based programs to adults and families, located in Dollar General's market area, and located within twenty miles of a Dollar General store. Deadline: March 2, 2007. For more information: Visit www.dollargeneral.com/community/dgliteracy.aspx.

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation: The vision of the Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation is "to change the face of disability on the planet." In order to accomplish this vision, the Foundation's mission is to promote, through grants and scholarships, the inclusion of people with disabilities in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education. The foundation funds program grants in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education for adults with disabilities (over 22 years old). Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that serve people with disabilities and have been in existence for two years or longer. Support from other funding sources in the community for the program must be demonstrated in the grant application. Deadline: The online grant application form must be submitted by March 15, 2007 for the May 1, 2007 full grant application deadline. For more information: Visit <http://www.ela.org/> to obtain the online grant application form, which must be submitted in order for the full grant application to be accepted.

William T. Grant Foundation: The William T. Grant Foundation has announced the launch of the Youth Service Improvement Grants program. Grants made through the program will support activities conducted by nonprofit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan

area to improve the quality of services for young people between the ages of 8 and 25. Eligibility: Organizations must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and must provide services to youth located in the New York metropolitan area, which is defined as Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties in New York state. Deadline: Proposals will be accepted during March through April, with an application deadline of April 30, 2007. For more information: Call (212) 752-0071; fax (212) 752-1398; E-mail info@wtgrantfdn.org.

The Allstate Foundation: Allstate has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Fund to establish the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund. The fund channels small grants to survivors of domestic violence in order to achieve their educational and job-related goals. The fund is intended to help survivors achieve greater independence over their financial lives as well as establish options for themselves in the future. The fund supports career-advancement activities such as professional licenses, workforce tools, and additional job training. Examples include licensing fees; books and supplies for school; job skills training; tuition; requirements for jobs; registration fees; temporary child care so that the applicant can attend school, take a class, or look for employment; public transportation; and rental fees for computer time at a computer center. Eligibility: Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply, although the fund requests that the application be completed by a local domestic violence program or a domestic violence coalition. Domestic violence coalitions and local programs must contact the NNEDV Fund to request an Education and Job Training Fund application form. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: www.nnedvfund.org.

The Getty Foundation: Announces the availability of grants to assist colleges and universities manage and preserve the integrity of their significant historic buildings, sites, and landscapes. Eligibility: Colleges and universities. Deadline: April 10, 2007. For more information visit: www.getty.edu/grants/conservation/.

Google: Announces the availability of its “In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits.” This program supports organizations that share the company’s philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: www.google.com/grants/.